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# Code

- Code is in `CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples`

# Expressions and Arithmetic

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- An expression is a sequence of operators and operands that specifies a computation
- Arithmetic is just like in regular math, but can happen on other types besides numbers!

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- We've already seen the standard OUTPUT in C++ (cout)
- Now to take a look at standard INPUT in C++ (cin)
- We will use cin to get two values and compute their sum
  - Enter them in order with a space between
- Go to `CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples/addition.cc`

```
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    int value1, value2, sum;
    std::cout << "Please enter two integer values: ";
    std::cin >> value1 >> value2;
    sum = value1 + value2;
    std::cout << value1 << " + " << value2 << " = " << sum
    << '\n';
}
```

- Then compile and execute

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- What are we looking at? Individual expressions ALWAYS evaluate to a value
- Examples:

```
42; // value: 42  
sum = value1 + value2; // value: "sum"  
12 > 13; // value: false
```

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Arithmetic operators behave basically how you expect

Operator	Meaning
+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
%	modulus

- Can have **BINARY** operators (two operands) or **UNARY** operators (one operand)
  - For arithmetic operators, only “+” and “-“ can be unary

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Logical operators work on individual boolean variables:

$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_1 \ \&\& \ e_2$	$e_1 \    \ e_2$	$!e_1$
false	false	false	false	true
false	true	false	true	true
true	false	false	true	false
true	true	true	true	false



# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Bitwise operators do the same thing, bit by bit:
  - and (&)
  - or (|)
  - exclusive or (^)
  - bit shift left (<<)
  - bit shift right (>>)

# C++: Conditional Execution

- All CONDITIONS in C++ evaluate to bools
- Possible conditions:

Operator	Meaning
==	Equal to
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
!=	Not equal to

Table 5.1: C++ Relational operators

- Now you can see the boolean VARIABLES assigned to the output of EXPRESSIONS:

```
bool expression = 14 < 16;  
std::cout << expression << std::endl;
```

# Logical versus Bitwise Operators

- bitwise comparison of “5” and “4:

```
#include <iostream>

int main(void) {
    unsigned int i = 0x5;
    unsigned int j = 0x4;
    unsigned int k = i | j;
    unsigned int l = i & j;
    unsigned int m = i ^ j;
    std::cout << "i    = " << std::hex << i << std::endl;
    std::cout << "j    = " << std::hex << j << std::endl;
    std::cout << "i|j = " << std::hex << k << std::endl;
    std::cout << "i&j = " << std::hex << l << std::endl;
    std::cout << "i^j = " << std::hex << m << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

- Output:

```
i    = 5
j    = 4
i|j  = 5
i&j  = 4
i^j  = 1
```

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Example: operators.cc

```
#include <iostream>
int main(void) {
```

```
    std::cout << -5 << std::endl;
    std::cout << 5 + 3 << std::endl;
    std::cout << 5 * 3 << std::endl;
    std::cout << 21.32 / 38.0 << std::endl;
    std::cout << 12 / 4 << std::endl;
    std::cout << 13 / 4 << std::endl;
    std::cout << 13. / 4. << std::endl;
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

- Compile and execute, and answer:
  - Which of these does not behave the same as you would expect?
  - What is the difference between the last two expressions?

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Arithmetic has to be done on TYPES
  - Types remain constant throughout the operation!
- Examples:
  - “int + int = int”
  - “int - int = int”
  - “int \* int = int”
  - “int / int = int”
- But wait! The last one is dodgy... fractions are NOT integers!
  - Integers are NOT CLOSED under division!

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- So how do we handle integer division?
  - The the same way ALL division is handled in C++

**Truncation, truncation, truncation**

- As integers:

$$9 / 3 = 3$$

$$10 / 3 = 3$$

$$11 / 3 = 3$$

$$12 / 3 = 4$$

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Integer division and modulus:

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 3 \overline{) 25} \\ \underline{-24} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Division

Modulus

- Division gives you the number of times the divisor (3) evenly goes into the dividend (25), i.e. 8
- Modulus gives you the remainder, i.e. 1
- Can be used in lots of applications (like, arrays! more later on that)

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- If you want ratios and fractions, you need floats or doubles!
- This is why “13 / 4” is different from “13. / 4.”
- 13/4 gives you 3 (int)
- 13./4. gives you 3.25 (float or double)
- What about MIXED TYPE? 13. / 4 = ?
- Go to [mixed.cc](#)



# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Integers are a subset of reals
  - Therefore “int” can always be converted to “float” or “double”
  - The way we say this is int is “narrower” than float, and float is “wider” than int
- However, the converse is NOT true: this is called “narrowing”
  - Cannot represent 1.9 as an int
- The C++ standard says : TRUNCATION, TRUNCATION, TRUNCATION
  - It does NOT round!!!  
“int i = 1.999999” gives you “1”, not “2”
  - Some compilers will warn you (“potential loss of data”)
  - Other compilers will happily give you the garbage you asked for.

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- If you have an expression with MIXED TYPES, the standard will “widen” the narrower one
  - so “float / int” will give you a “float”
  - Also “int / float” will give you a “float”
  - But remember “int / int” will give you an “int”

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- This is a whole lot of guessing, though
- Better way is called “casting”
  - What we did before was IMPLICIT casting
  - We now EXPLICITLY cast
- Several casting cases are possible, but we will focus on the first one now: “**static\_cast**”.

```
int j = static_cast<int>( g );  
std::cout << j << std::endl;
```

- This says “interpret g as an integer, assign it to j”.
- We will go through other casts later
- `static_cast` is better because it can be checked at **COMPILE TIME** (very beneficial later on)

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Operator precedence and associativity:
  - Follows same rules you've always learned:  
“Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally”  
=  
Parentheses, Exponentiation, Multiplication, Division,  
Addition, Subtraction
- Associativity also follows this
- But! Use parentheses to be clear when necessary!  
 $f = 2 + 3 * 4;$   
and  
 $f = 2 + (3 * 4);$
- Both correct, but second is clearer

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Formatting and whitespace : C++ does not care about either. All of these are okay:

```
#include <iostream>

int f1(void){ return 1;}
int f2(void){
    return 2;
}

int
f3
(void)
{
return
    3;
}

int main(void){

    std::cout << f1() << std::endl;
    std::cout << f2() << std::endl;
    std::cout << f3() << std::endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- CANNOT put whitespace in between variable names or within an operator
- MUST have whitespace between type and variable name.

- These are OK:

```
int my_int = 0;  
float MyFloat = 0.0;
```

- These are not:

```
double My Double = 0.0;  
charMyChar('a');
```

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- “Shortcut” operators and “optimization” operators
- There are other operators that are shorthand for a combination
- Example: Incrementing a value:  

```
x = x + 1;
```
- Can also be written as  

```
x++;
```
- OR!  

```
++x;
```
- “Post-increment” and “pre-increment” operators
- Also have “minus minus”

# C++: Expressions and Arithmetic

- Post-increment versus pre-increment:
  - Post: increment AFTER statement is executed
  - Pre: increment BEFORE statement is executed

- If just alone, no difference. These are equivalent:

```
int x = 0;  
x = x + 1;  
x++;  
++x;
```

- If inside more complicated statement, there is a difference:

```
int x1 = 1;  
int x2 = 1;  
int y1 = ++x1;  
int y2 = x2++;
```

```
std::cout << "x1 = " << x1 << ", y1 = " << ++x1 << std::endl;  
std::cout << "x2 = " << x2 << ", y2 = " << x2++ << std::endl;
```

- gives:

```
x1 = 2, y1 = 2  
x2 = 2, y2 = 1
```



# Conditional Execution

# C++: Conditional Execution

- The execution can then be **CONDITIONAL** upon the outcome of a boolean variable
- Simplest format is the “if/else” formalism

$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_1 \ \&\& \ e_2$	$e_1 \    \ e_2$	$!e_1$
false	false	false	false	true
false	true	false	true	true
true	false	false	true	false
true	true	true	true	false

# C++: Conditional Execution

- This works exactly as you expect, but pedantically:

```
if ( condition )  
    statement
```

- Example:

```
int i1 = 0;  
if (i1 < 2) {  
    std::cout << "i1 is too small. Eat more." << std::endl;  
}
```

- Note:

- The statement is **ONLY ONE STATEMENT**
  - If you want multiple lines, enclose in curly braces

# C++: Conditional Execution

- For if/else:

if ( *condition* )

*statement 1*

else

*statement 2*

- Example:

```
int i1 = 0;
if (i1 < 2) {
    std::cout << "i1 is too small. Eat more." << std::endl;
}
else {
    std::cout << "i1 is big enough." << std::endl;
}
```

- Again: only SINGLE STATEMENTS come after, multiples must be in curly braces

# C++: Conditional Execution

- Can nest or do sequences. CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples/conditionals.cc

```
#include <iostream>

int main(void) {

    int i = 0;
    std::cout << "Enter a number: ";
    std::cin >> i;

    if ( i > 2 ) {
        std::cout << "This is greater than 2. Way too much!" << std::endl;
    } else{
        if( i == 2 ) {
            std::cout << "Phew! This is 2." << std::endl;
        } else if (i == 1) {
            std::cout << "So close, but this is only 1!" << std::endl;
        } else {
            std::cout << "Yuck, this is even less than 1." << std::endl;
        }
    }

    return 0;
}
```

# C++: Conditional Execution

- But bools are just one single bit
- What if your expression gives you another type?
- Example:

```
#include <iostream>

int main(void) {

    int i = 0;
    std::cout << "Enter a number: ";
    std::cin >> i;           Uhhh... what?

    if ( i + 5 ) { ←
        std::cout << "Tweet!" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Nuke!" << std::endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

# C++: Conditional Execution

- If your expression is cast to “0” (zero), then it is false
- If your expression is cast to “!0” (not zero), then it is true
- So this looks like one thing, and gives you something else you didn't expect, but it is exactly what you told it to do:

```
#include <iostream>


int main(void) {

    int i = 0;
    std::cout << "Enter a number: ";
    std::cin >> i;

    if ( i = 5 ) {
        std::cout << "Nuke!" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Tweet!" << std::endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

As long as this is not equal to 5, we're saved???



# C++: Conditional Execution

- Logic operations are very useful here also:
- Like bitwise, but TWO symbols together
  - Logical and: `&&`
  - Logical or : `||`
  - Logical not: `!`
  - Logical xor: `^^`



# Floating point and type concerns

# C++: Narrowing

- Go to `CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples/narrowing.cc`  
:

```
int main(void) {  
    double d = 2200000000000000.0;  
    int i = d;  
    std::cout << "d = " << d << ", i = " << i << std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

- Now compile with the “-Wconversion” flag (enables conversion... don't ask me why -Wall didn't work last time):

```
> g++ -Wconversion narrow.cpp -o narrow
```

- and you get:

```
narrow.cpp: In function 'int main()':  
narrow.cpp:9: warning: conversion to 'int' from 'double' may  
alter its value
```

- And sure enough, if you try to run:

```
d = 2.2e+13, i = -2147483648
```

# C++: Floating point comparison

- We've seen the "==" operator for ints
  - If we try "5 == 5", it returns "true"
  - If we try "1 == 0", it returns "false"
    - (unless you're KellyAnne Conway, in which case it returns "alternative\_true")
  - If we try "5.0 == 5.0", what does this do?
    - What does this even mean?

# C++: Floating point comparison

- [CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples/floatcompare.cc](#)

```
#include <iostream>

int main(void) {

    float f1 = 5.0f;
    float f2 = 5.000000001f;

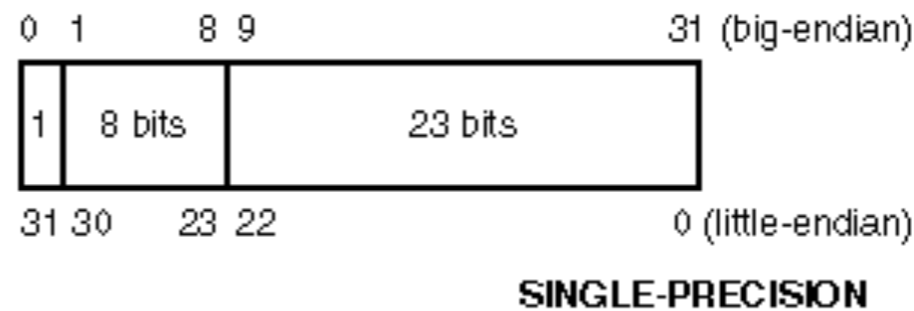
    if ( f1 == f2 ) {
        std::cout << "Nuke!" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Tweet!" << std::endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

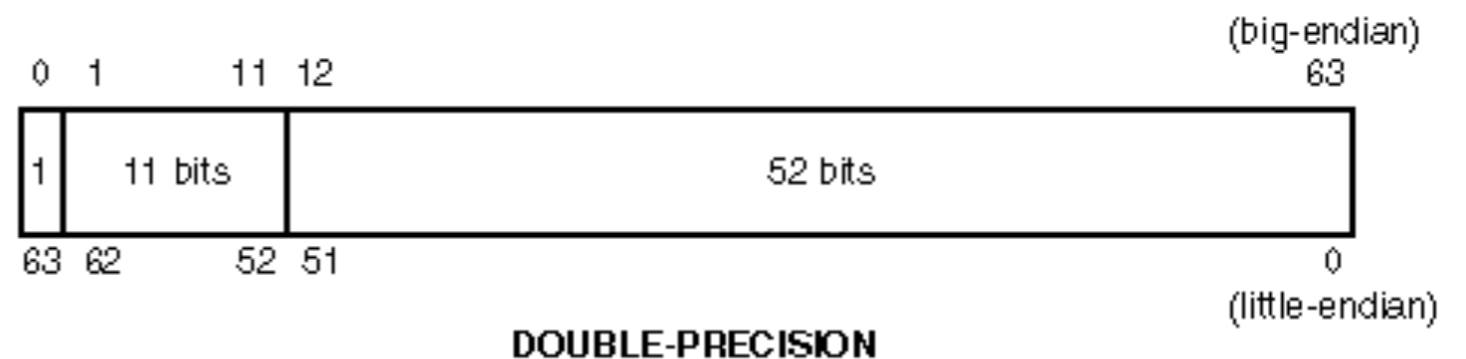
- Compile and run, what do you get?

# C++: Floating point comparison

- Comparing floats only makes sense within the precision of the “mantissa”!



- Even still, terrible idea to try the “==” operator



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- Better: assign a tolerance you can live with, and look if it is within the tolerance!
  - BAD: “f1 == f2”
  - GOOD: “std::abs(f1 - f2) < tolerance”
- You need to pick a tolerance your program needs
  - For C++ “tolerance”, you can use `std::numeric_limits<double>::epsilon()`

# C++: Floating point comparison

- [CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples/floatcompare\\_better.cc](#)

```
include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
#include <limits>

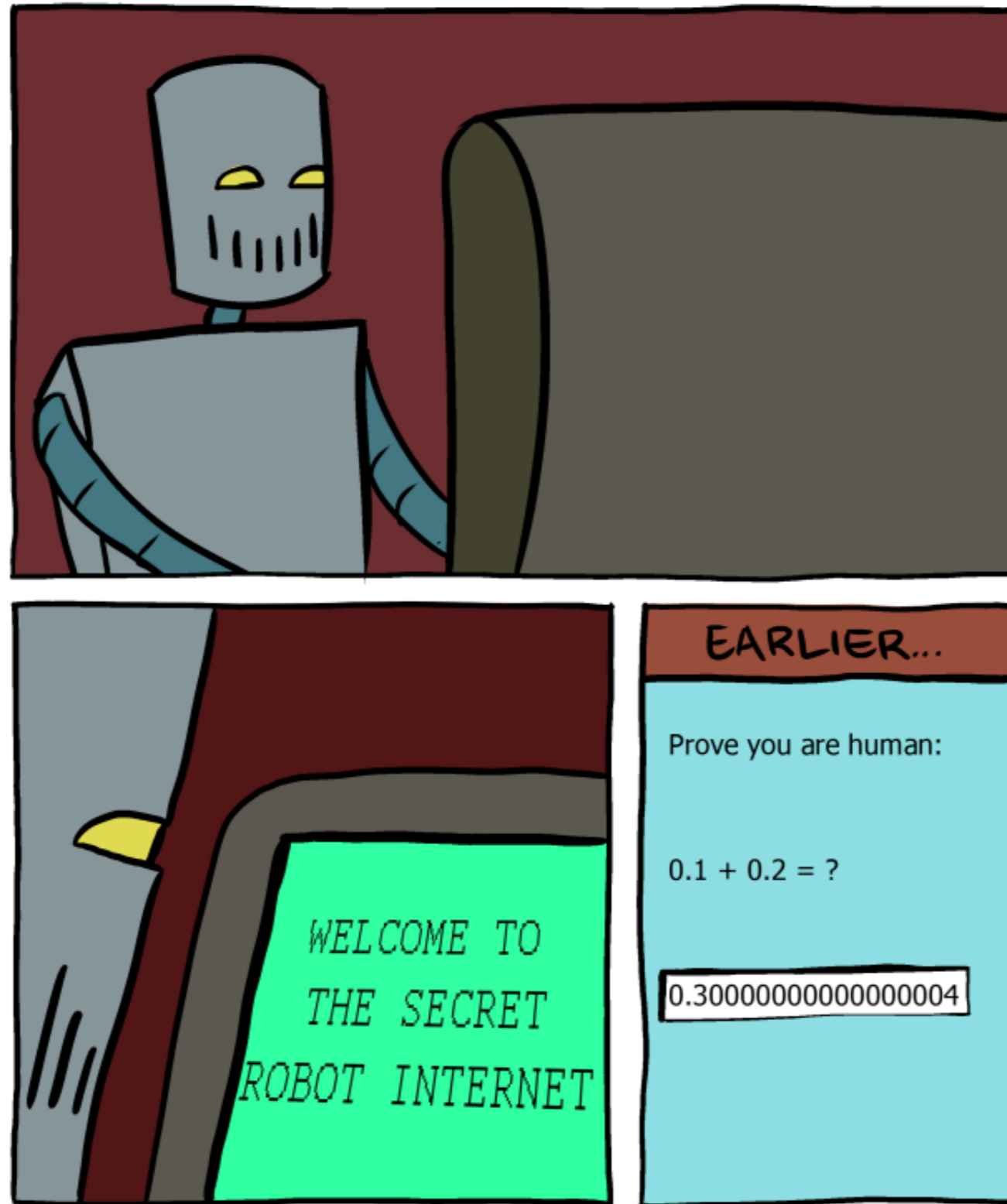
int main(void){
    float f1 = 5.0f;
    float f2 = 5.000000001f;
    float tolerance = 0.01f;

    if ( std::abs(f1 - f2) < tolerance) {
        std::cout << "Nuke!" << std::endl;
    } else {
        std::cout << "Tweet!" << std::endl;
    }

    if ( std::abs(f1 - f2) < std::numeric_limits<float>::epsilon() ) {
        std::cout << "Within machine precision!" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Compile and run, what do you get?

# C++: Floating point comparison



# Strings



# C++: Strings

- You may have noticed that there is nothing for a BUNCH OF CHARACTERS together in C++
- This is called a “string” in other languages
- C++ has no intrinsic concept of a “string”, it’s just a bunch of “characters” lined up
- We will go over strings in detail later, but there is a library called the “Standard Template Library” that we’ve already seen (**#include <iostream>**)
- Now we will use the “strings” from the standard template library (**std**)
- Strings can basically use the standard logical expressions as you expect, but we will go into more later

# C++: Strings

- [CompPhys/ReviewCpp/BasicExamples/strings.cc](#)

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

int main(void) {

    std::string s1;
    std::cout << "Enter a string: ";
    std::cin >> s1;

    std::cout << "Your string is: " << s1 << std::endl;

    if (s1 == "Yay!") {
        std::cout << "Yay? Just what I was thinking!" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

- Grad students: you can utilize something like this for your HW's

# Miscellanea

# C++: Switch

- There is another option for multiple-way “if” statements: “Switch”
- Just like a giant “if/else” statement, but easier to use
- Constraint: can only use on integer types

```
switch ( integral expression ) {  
    case integral constant 1 :  
        statement sequence 1  
        break;  
    case integral constant 2 :  
        statement sequence 2  
        break;  
    case integral constant 3 :  
        statement sequence 3  
        break;  
        ⋮  
    case integral constant n :  
        statement sequence n  
        break;  
    default:  
        default statement sequence  
}
```